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Docket No 06-181

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

From: Anne McLaughlin [annemcl@teleport.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 4:37 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

ORIGINAL

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Tate, McDowell, Copps and Adelstein,

I am deeply disappointed to hear of the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that can be used by almost any entity crying "it costs too much".

This also appears to constitute a change of FCC rules without proper notice to, and comments from, the public, which seems to violate federal procedure law.

Please reconsider immediately!

*I need and use closed captioning more and more every year, and think that it should be more well known, not cut back!
Thank you for your attention.*

Anne McLaughlin

*2743 NW Thurman, #5
Portland OR 97210-2252*

cc Monica DeSai, CGB

Pam Gregory

Docket No. 06-181

From: Sharon Ann Mathis [deafsharonann43@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2006 9:52 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

September 28, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

**Also, we deafs should enjoy the shows with everyone who can hear but with closed captioned on, so we could understand what's said or going on, so we don't have to ask for explanations or to be interpreted. Please help us!

Sincerely Yours,

Deaf Sharon Ann Mathis
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From: Drew Musgrave [zander251@lycos.com]

Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2006 7:30 PM

To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007, I protest the recent Orders granting

exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! It is exactly like for them to say it costs too much money to put the sound on the tapes. How would you like to watch a movie, show, etc. without sound? YOU will be doing the same to deaf people by allowing them to not have to have closed captions.

Drew Musgrave
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Docket No. 06-181

From: Candy Mott [cmott1972@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2006 9:42 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Office of the Secretary

October 1, 2006
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Sincerely,

Candy Mott
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Richmond, VA 23234-2519

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Docket No. 06-181

From: Richard Majer [rickmajer2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 9:12 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Office of the Secretary

September 29, 2006
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Sincerely,

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Docket No. 06-181

From: Elaine Moore [katyabird@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 8:32 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Sincerely,

Elaine Moore
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Pam Gregory

From: David McCready [DE_MCCREADY@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 11:29 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: Recent Orders Granting Exemptions from Closed Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai,

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Edna J. McCready
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Joan MASON

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From: JPM0922@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:55 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Please continue Closed Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

To Whom It May Concern

Closed Captioning has been a great relief for my elderly folks and my youngest daughter who are hearing impaired. Please, I beg of you to not exempt any programs from having to be captioned. As the population is getting older and living longer and with the young generation being exposed to high iPod volumes, there will be a great need to have captioning in the future anyway. I will certainly not be viewing any programs that are not closed captioned to show my support and am urging my friends and family to do the same.

Signed a concerned TV viewer

JM

Joan MASON

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Pam Gregory**FILED/ACCEPTED****From:** Moran, Norma (NIH/OD) [C] [moranno@od.nih.gov]**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 12:56 PM**OCT 19 2006****To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica DesaiFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Subject:** NO to captioning exemptions
September 14, 2006

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I recently learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. Understandably, I am bewildered because the regulations had been in effect for the past 10 years so the companies had all that time to prepare to include captioning in their budget and so forth. We need to see the exemptions to be reversed immediately or else the communities of deaf, blind, hard-of-hearing, and non-English-speaking people will miss out on information and will lose access to having some kind of equality in life. It is a disappointment to see a federal government agency who is supposed to enforce instead reverses itself in granting captioning exemptions to the companies. The companies knew for the past 10 years that they need to plan on including captioning but did not follow through on it. Please act your role and take the responsibility of enforcing regulations.

Thank you,

Norma Moran

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From: Debbie Mohney [debbie@mountainocean.com]

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 5:43 PM

To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai

Subject: Please do not issue captioning exemptions to religious organizations

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

I have written in the past when public comment was requested on captioning exemption requests from religious organizations. I have a high frequency hearing loss, which makes it hard for me to watch television without using captioning. When I watch shows without the benefit of captioning, I become frustrated and turn the channel off because I am only catching about 70% of what is being said. For example, I watched shows without captioning when I was growing up, with the same hearing loss that I have today. When I watch the same shows today, I am astounded by what I missed in the shows to begin with.

Try to imagine taking 30% of my words out of this e-mail. It would make it difficult to understand what I am writing about, and you probably wouldn't know whether I was speaking for or against captioning. Here is my first paragraph, without 3 out of every 10 words:

I _____ written in the _____ when public comment _____ requested on captioning _____ requests from _____. I have a _____ frequency _____ loss, which makes it _____ for me to _____ television without using _____. When I _____ shows without the benefit of _____, I _____ frustrated and _____ the channel _____ because I am only _____ about 70% of what _____ being _____. For _____, I watched shows without _____ when I was _____ up, with the same _____ loss that I have _____. When I watch the _____ shows _____, I am _____ by what I missed in the _____ to begin with.

There are 29 words missing in the above paragraph, which works out to missing about 30% of what is being said. When I miss a word, it can be very critical.

To issue an exemption to hundreds of organizations, severely limits my access, as well as over 31 million people in the United States, to televised programs. The decision to grant these exemptions sets a dangerous precedent to other broadcasters who show captioned programs, shows that we need the same access to as any normal hearing person.

Please reconsider your decision to grant exemptions to religious organizations, and let them know that they are fully liable for providing access to all of their viewers.

Respectfully yours,

Deborah Mohney
Boulder, Colorado

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From: WishboneAlice@aol.comFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 12:44 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** About Captioning.....

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Please do not eliminate Captioning. We need that for the future kids and deaf and hard of hearing elders and many of us Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We want Captioning on News, TV programs and so forth. Please listen to us all! Do not eliminate Captioning. I just got the e-mail about this. I don't know if that is true or not.

But, I am glad that we have captions now and it helps me to be informed with the world news and so forth. I love to watch tv a lot and captioning help me understand what it is being said... Please reconsider keeping captioning on forever!!!!

Take care, Alice Morewitz

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From: Elisabeth Madden [elisros@fastmail.fm]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 7:36 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai
Subject: Captioning Exemptions

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I'm very disturbed that the FCC is granting large numbers of exemptions regarding captioning. Organizations were given 10 years to prepare for this and there is no excuse for not being able to provide this required service after this amount of time. I believe the FCC needs to rethink these exemptions and provide the Deaf and hard of hearing with the service that is required by law. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Sincerely, Elisabeth Graven

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

From: Jo [jetoile@arvig.net]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 10:44 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Captioning waivers
Dear Ms. DeSai,

As a deaf person, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We in the deaf community are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Jo McKnight
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Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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From: Deafpower2000@aol.comFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:31 AM**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org**Subject:** (no subject)

September 18, 2006

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Churches make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast one year ago, they were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a ramp to the church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens – they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate. When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

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Closed captioning gives me a) access to news that is indispensable to the community, b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society. The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to me and I can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Deborah J Miller
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Danville, VA 24541
deafpower2000@aol.com

cc:

Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office
Cheryl King, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office
George Allen, US Senator Virginia
John Warner, Senator Virginia

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From: Marvin Miller [marvmiller@thelaurentinstitute.org]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 5:17 PM
To: Deborah Tate; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Kevin Martin
Cc: cheppner@nvr.org
Subject: Captioning Exemptions

Y'all gotta be kidding us!

Giving out permanent captioning exemptions like cheap candy is an solution to what problem? Doing this via stealth mode is simply beneath your leadership and commitment to equal access for all.

Please revoke them as soon as possible, and do a real case by case review... preferably with CONSUMERS involved.

Marvin T. Miller
Executive Director
The Laurent Institute

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From: bradley marshall [nosemouse@msn.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 9:47 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Jonathan Adelstein

Dear Mr. Chairman Kevin Martin
And Commissioners:
Deborah Taylor Tate
Robert McDowell
Michael Copps
Jonathan Adelstein

And Chief of FCC Bureau
CGB Chief Monica DeSai

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In Reference to: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007
Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting
exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders and new Rules applications
appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption
basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged
and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity
crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider
immediately! We need our closed captioning!

In my house hold lives one totally deaf person, and 2 hearing impaired persons.
We constantly have the closed caption on and always select programming based
on this feature. We really as a family can not attend the regular movie theaters that
most people like to go to when a new show comes out. We have to wait until it comes
out on DVD or Video and marked CC before we can have the opportunity to enjoy
what other citizens of our great country can watch with out problems.
To decrease the availability of access for those of us with hearing impairments
is the same as removing sidewalk cutouts for wheel chairs.

Please reconsider the impact of decreasing this most need requirement for a
very large segment of society.

Yours very truly

Bradley O. Marshall
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From: Glenda McCary [Gena247@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:22 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

*September 21, 2006
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Sincerely,

*Glenda McCary
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Greenville, SC 29607-3442*

Kenneth L. Hill

Docket No. 06-181

From: Mara Miller [marabauman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 10:02 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Sincerely,

*Mara Miller
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218
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-6346*

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OCT 19 2006

From: Brianna McCarthy [babyboymason2003@yahoo.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 5:57 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** OUTRAGED OVER CLOSED CAPTIONING DECISION

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners,

I am a 35 year old hard of hearing mother of two outraged at the lack of closed captioning on all television programming. I have been waiting for it to be mandatory on ALL programming and have now learned that you have allowed exemptions to the closed captioning requirement.

Do you realize that hearing loss is the number one disability in this country affecting up to 10 % of the American population? This is a large number of people being affected by your decisions to allow ANY programming to be uncaptioned.

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB in Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 . These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. It does not cost too much and it is invaluable for those of us dependent on it. Would you tell people in wheelchairs that curb cuts cost too much? No. This is as important. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna McCarthy
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Docket No. 06-181

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From: amullins2@netzero.netFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 3:26 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed Captioning Services

Dear Mr. Chairman Martin, Ms. Commissioner Tate, Mr. Commissioner McDowell, Mr. Commissioner Copps, Mr. Commissioner Adelstein, Ms. Chief DeSai:

I am infuriated that as an oral deaf individual that certain decisions have been made by your governmental system regarding closed captioning.

It is my understanding that you have decided to allow certain organizations to be exempt from having to provide closed captioning. What is so hard and expensive about providing closed captioning? Especially with all the technology that is available?

How would you feel if you were trying to watch the news or your favorite nature show with your child and you found out that closed captioning was no longer available and because of that, you could not explain certain things in simpler terms to your child who is asking for clarification? That would be very frustrating, right?

Before you make certain decisions, think about how they would adversely affect other people's lives. Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people deserve access to the same information that Hearing people have access to.

Sincerely,
Alysha Mullins-Pantoja

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From: Linda Mahmood [lmahmood@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 8:42 PM
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Sincerely,

Linda Mahmood
22455 Lake Rd Apt 308A
Rocky River, OH 44116-1076

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Sincerely,

Philip Moos
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From: Francis McCracken [fnmccracken@msn.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 4:34 PMFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**To:** Kevin Martin**Cc:** Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai**Subject:** Protesting Captioning Exemptions...

We, the deaf/hard of hearing people, are getting mightily tired of the politicians dragging their feet, creating more loopholes for those whining businesses, trying to shut us out of public viewings or warnings, this and that, etc. I may be naïve but want to advise you to stop doing those unnecessary stuffs that would hurt us badly and try to adhere the by-laws and regulations of ADA that have been in effect for years. Stop giving the exemptions and also withdraw all of them if possible. Remember they are in business to make money... the cost of captioning is a mere drop in the bucket like a penny saved is a penny earned. Please reconsider and strengthen the regulations and no more excuses for them!!!

Frank McCracken
fnmccracken@msn.com

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